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**Notice of Probable Typographical Error in Office Action and
Requested Action**

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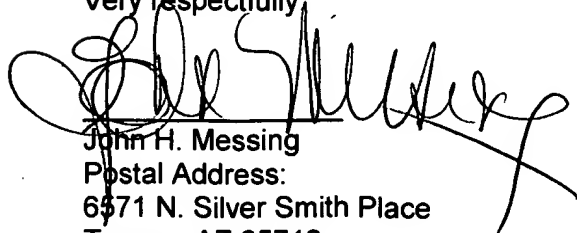
Sir:

Please be advised that there is a probable typographical error in the Office Action dated March 12, 2001 on page 8. Paragraph 23 states: "Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ford et al. as applied to claim 36 above." The error is italicized. Claim 36 is not discussed in the preceding paragraph. Claim 39 is discussed above. Claim 36 does not appear to be discussed separately anywhere in the Office Action. The reference appears to be an inversion of the numerical character "9" to a "6", but the applicant cannot be sure and so is unable to determine if additional amendment is needed.

Wherefore, the following action is requested: If the claims as amended are deemed appropriate for allowance, then the shortened statutory period be redetermined as commencing anew on the date of that this request is granted.

In the event the claims are not deemed appropriate for allowance, then the final office action be corrected and resent, with the shortened statutory period recommencing on the date that the corrected office action is sent.

Very respectfully,


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